GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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EFFICIENT FUNCTIONING OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has requested the State Governments to pay adequate attention to health care services and ensure efficient functioning of public health services;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a special meeting of the National Development Council has been convened to discuss issues concerning health care, disease control and public health service;

(d) if so, the outcome of the said meeting; and

(e) the steps taken by the Union Government to provide sufficient assistance to States to control spread of deadly diseases?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. To improve the healthcare delivery system, the Union Government has launched the National Rural Health Mission in April,2005. As a part of this Mission State Governments have been requested inter-alia to strengthen primary healthcare infrastructure for improved reach and delivery of services, preventive and curative care, identify critical shortages particularly in human resource requirements, formulate the State Plans of Action based on District Health Action Plans, adopt an integrated approach for improving health status by relating health to determinants of health, promote community participation.

(c) No, Sir

(d) Does not arise.

(e) A series of measures have been taken by the Union Government to provide assistance to State Governments. This assistance is both in the nature of financial assistance (commodity and cash assistance) and technical assistance inter-alia through sending of central technical teams, strengthening of sentinel surveillance hospitals and apex laboratories, supply of ELISA kits, assisting States in preventing public health consequences of out break of deadly diseases etc.